

Liber W. C. shall loose & forfeit to the party grieved treble damages And shall also forfeit the Summe of six thousand pounds of tobacco or forty pounds sterl for every tyme he or they shall so doe the contrary, p. 103 the one moiety To the Lord Prop^{ty} his heyres & successors, the other moiety to the party or parties that shall sue for the same by any plaint action suite bill or Information, wherein no Essoyne protection or wager of Law shall be allowed. As by the said Act may more att large appeare Notwithstanding which the said Richard Ladd Sheriffe of the County aforesaid, the said Act & the penaltyes therein contained little regarding, he the said Richard Ladd haueing a certaine writt of Capias ad satisfaciend against the body of the said John Atkey att the suite of W^m Eagle & Amy his wife Adm^x of John Burges deceased for the Summe of Eight hundred thirty & six pounds of tobacco, him the said John Atkey the Eleventh day of Septemb^r One thousand six hundred Seventy nine att the Clifts in Calvert County aforesaid did Arrest & take, & him in prison did detaine, and would not discharge, untill the said Richard from him the said John had extorted & taken for his ffees as Sheriffe of the said County in serving the said writt of Capias ad satisfaciend upon the body of the said John for Eight hundred thirty & six pounds of tobacco as aforesaid the Summe of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco, whereas by the said Act of Assembly there was due to him the said Richard for his ffees in serving the said writt no more but one hundred & tenn pounds of tobacco And so the said John Atkey saith, that the said Richard Ladd under colour of his Office of Sheriffe of Calvert County of him the said John Atkey for serving the said Execution hath taken & Extorted the summe of six hundred and ninety pounds of tobacco more then by the said Act of Assembly he ought to have had, to the great damage of the said John Atkey, & against the Act of Assembly aforesaid by which Action hath accrued to the said John Atkey to require & haue of the said Richard Ladd the Summe of two thousand & seventy pounds of tobacco being treble the summe he was damnified And also the Summe of three thousand p^{ts} of tobacco or Twenty pounds sterl in the said Act of Assembly contained, itt being due to him for suing for the same, And thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said Richard Ladd by Christopher Rousby his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force & injury when &c and prayeth liberty to imparle thereunto untill next Provintiall Court, & itt is granted unto him, the same day is given to the pth also

Att which said next Provintiall Court, to witt the Fourteenth day of ffebruary in the fifth yeare of the Dominion of the right Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore &c Annoq Doni 1679 came the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, And the said Richard by his said Attorney saith that he said Richard is in no wise guilty of the trespasse aforesaid in manner & forme as the said pth in his said Declaration hath alleadged And of this he putts himselfe upon the